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In-class Exercise (Individual task)

From the World Bank VDO Expert - Discuss the issues females face during the COVID-19 crisis.

<https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/video/2020/05/22/why-are-women-and-girls-threatened-by-coronavirus>

(1) Do you agree that “This pandemic will reverse the progress toward gender equality”? Why?

I agree that COVID-19 pandemic will reverse the progress toward gender equality due to women jobs are more vulnerable than men jobs. The reason is the burden of unpaid care, which is overwhelming handled by women, is considerably growing as a result of the virus. In addition, women and girl were more likely than men and boys to report an increase in gender-biased violence and school dropouts. due to school closures.

(2) Using a country as an example, explain what policies the government of that country has implemented to address this problem.

In South Africa, for example, making childcare services universally available to all children younger than 5, while entailing a significant increase in public spending, could generate 2-3 million new job and raise female employment rate by 10%.